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The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials' (AASHTO) members represent the Departments of Transportation in the fifty States, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. On behalf of our member agencies, we urge you to extend the date of October 28, 2004 for public review and comment period for the *National Standards for Traffic Control Devices; The Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways; Maintaining Traffic Sign Retroreflectivity*, which was issued in the Federal Register on July 30, 2004. We request that FHWA extend the comment period until March 1, 2005 in order to provide adequate time to respond.

The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) is aware of the congressional mandate for the Secretary of Transportation to revise the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices to include a standard for the minimum level of retroreflectivity that must be maintained for traffic signs, which shall apply to all roads open to public travel.

We also support the need to maintain an adequate level of retroreflectivity for traffic signs to enhance safety for motorists during hours of darkness and during adverse weather in an effort to improve safety on our streets and highways. However given the large and diverse group of affected agencies and the complexity and volume of changes

We respectfully recommend that you extend the comment period to March 1, 2005 to permit our member State transportation agencies to have a sufficient period of time for further review and development of comments to the docket.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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